GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE BHOPAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh for developing Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(c) : Proposals were received in this Ministry from the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh initially for creation of a faculty of Natural Disaster Management in the Disaster Management Institute (DMI), Bhopal and subsequently for strengthening of the said faculty and designating the Institute as a "Centre of Excellence" for mitigation and management of earthquake disaster. Besides, the Government of Madhya Pradesh also forwarded a proposal for designating DMI, Bhopal as a Regional Training Centre for imparting training on Incident Command System for disaster management.

Financial assistance for operation of a faculty of disaster management comprising a Professor, a Research Officer and a Personal Assistant was extended to DMI, Bhopal since 1996 under a scheme which was operated for the benefit of all the States by the Ministry of Agriculture till May, 2002 and thereafter continued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. In August, 2004 the amount of Central assistance for the faculty was enhanced to cover the expenditure on strengthening of the faculty. The Institute is presently utilizing the assistance for meeting the expenditure on the salary of one post of Professor and three posts of Associate/Assistant Professors. In September, 2005, DMI, Bhopal was also designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs as the Regional Training Centre for imparting training in Incident Command System and additional assistance is being extended to it for discharging this responsibility.